

Minutes
Human Services Commission
Thursday, March 11, 2004
5:00 P.M.
Kiva – City Hall
3939 Drinkwater Boulevard
Scottsdale, AZ 85251

Present: Chairperson Fausel, Vice-Chair Bachmann, Commissioners Bitenc, Coudroglou, Reid and Resnick

Absent: Commissioner Bilsens

Staff Present: Connie James, Mark Bethel, Donna Brower, Dawn Cagan, Jan Cameron, Cindy Ensign, Phil Hershkowitz, Bev Johnson, Diane Kallal, Tim Miluk and Kasey Moyers

CALL TO ORDER

Chairwoman Fausel called the meeting to order at 5:02 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE February 19 REGULAR MEETING

Commissioner Coudroglou moved for approval of the February 19, 2004 meeting minutes; Commissioner Bachmann seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

CDBG/HOME/SCOTTSDALE CARES/GENERAL/ENDOWMENT FUND
RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Mark Bethel, Community Assistance Manager gave the following remarks:

On February 2 and 4, 2004 the Human Services Commission conducted a public hearing and heard testimony from applicants for CDBG, Scottsdale Cares, General and Endowment Fund funding for fiscal year 2004-2005. On February 19, 2004, the commission reviewed and discussed staff funding recommendations. Tonight's agenda item allows the commission to formally vote on CDBG, HOME, Scottsdale Cares, General Fund and Endowment funding recommendations to be considered by the City Council on April 20.

The Funding Recommendation Worksheet in your commission packet reflects staff's recommendations for funding as well as the commission's final determination for funding. CDBG recommended funding includes: \$208,350 for Public Service Activities to 11 non-profit agencies (15% maximum allocation) and \$904,406 for housing related activities - \$662,915 for Housing Rehabilitation to the City of Scottsdale Rehab Program and Foundation for Senior Living and \$251,491 for the First Time Homebuyer Program to Community Services of Arizona. The total CDBG recommended allocation for FY 04/05 is \$1,390,556 that includes the 20% annual allocation for administrative costs (\$277,800).

The total HOME funds available for allocation amounts to \$495,090, which includes \$103,319 in reprogrammed funds from prior year allocations. Based on the recommendations from the City of Scottsdale Housing Board, HOME funds are to be awarded to two non-profit agencies for \$495,090 for the acquisition and rehabilitation of rental property. In addition, the Board has recommended that the agencies receive \$200,000 available from the City of Scottsdale Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

In February 2004, Housing and Urban Development (HUD) notified the city that additional funds were awarded to the City for the American Dream Downpayment Initiative (ADDI). This is a new program administered under HUD's HOME Program. This City of Scottsdale was awarded \$28,856 for FY 03/04 and \$33,741 for FY 04/05. American Dream Downpayment funds have not been allocated to a non-profit agency this funding cycle since HUD's notice was after the City of Scottsdale initiated the grant funding procurement process. The city must wait to award American Dream Downpayment funds until HUD completed the program's rulemaking, which is expect to be completed in the summer of 2004.

There is \$190,000 recommended for funding for the Scottsdale Cares Program to 19 non-profit agencies; \$180,000 recommended for funding for the General Fund Human Services contracts to eight non-profit agencies and \$3,350 recommended for funding for the Scottsdale Endowment Program to one non-profit agency to conduct two program activities.

Mr. Bethel thanked the members of the commission as well as the Housing Board for all their hard work and diligence during the funding process.

Each item was voted on separately as follows:

- CDBG/HOME funds
- General Funds
- Scottsdale Cares
- Endowment

Chairwoman Fausel called for a motion to approve the recommendations for CDBG/HOME funds. Commissioner Coudroglou moved, Commissioner Reid seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Chairwoman Fausel called for a motion to approve the recommendations for General Funds. Commissioner Resnick moved, Vice-chair Bachmann seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Chairwoman Fausel called for a motion to approve the recommendations for Scottsdale Cares funds. Commissioner Reid moved, Commissioner Coudroglou seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Chairwoman Fausel called for a motion to approve the recommendations for the Endowment funds. Vice-chair Bachmann moved, Commissioner Coudroglou seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION OF THE MCDOWELL VILLAGE AND THE SCOTTSDALE SENIOR CENTER AT GRANITE REEF

Tim Miluk, Human Services Manager – Civic Center Senior Center, introduced this item. Mr. Miluk said that the project has been a customer driven project from the beginning, having city staff and developers listening to the seniors input about what they wanted McDowell Village to be. He added that the vision of the project has taken a holistic approach so that the city can provide a second home and family to seniors in Scottsdale.

MCDOWELL VILLAGE OVERVIEW

Mr. Miluk introduced Val Hernandez, Economic Vitality Specialist – City of Scottsdale, who gave an overview of McDowell Village Site development and processes.

MCDOWELL VILLAGE SENIOR APARTMENT COMPONENT OVERVIEW

Mr. Hernandez then introduced Scott Layton, a representative from Red Group, LLC, In., who discussed the senior apartment component on the site.

THE SCOTTSDALE SENIOR CENTER AT GRANITE REEF OVERVIEW

Mr. Miluk then introduced Corey Lew, Project Manager – City of Scottsdale, who discussed process and overview of the replacement senior center at Granite Reef.

THE SCOTTSDALE SENIOR CENTER BUILDING OVERVIEW

Mr. Miluk then introduced Jan Lorant from Gabor Lorant Architect Inc., discussed the design and actual senior center building.

Commissioner Reid asked what would be included in the Senior Center. Mr. Miluk said that there would be an increase in activities for seniors that are more active and mobile. He stressed, however, that there would be a wide range of activities for all seniors. Mr. Miluk also stated that the address is 1700 N. Granite Reef.

Vice-chair Bachmann asked what the retail space includes. Mr. Layton stated that although they do not have any tenants named, the building is designed for a restaurant/coffee shop, like a Starbucks, as well as space for three or four additional buildings, such as Super Cuts, things that provide neighborhood services, not just for the residents of McDowell village but for all residents of the area.

Vice-chair Bachmann asked how many seniors would be served with the housing. Mr. Layton said that there are 223 units and they are looking at a generation factor of 1.3, so close to 300 residents. Vice-chair Bachmann asked what the criteria would be for seniors to live there. Mr. Layton said that the criteria is 55 and over but there are no income restraints, as this is a completely private sector development. Vice-chair Bachmann asked what the cost for the housing could be for the seniors. Mr. Layton said that they are still working on the pricing, so the cost may be on an a la carte basis or a package deal. He added that whatever is decided the costs will coincide with the socio economics with the area.

Chairwoman Fausel asked about those that are 55 and older with children and can the children live with them. Mr. Layton said that was a good questions, and they haven't had that discussion. He supposed that children living with seniors would probably be discouraged as it is an active senior community. He added that if a senior is 55 or older and marries someone younger they can live there, and children may be able to visit and stay at the village in special units for a few days at a discounted rate, but they are still looking at that.

Commissioner Resnick asked if there would be a market of some sort for the residents. Mr. Miluk said that when the city purchased the property, there was an agreement made with the

seller to place a deed restriction that indicates no grocery store or pharmacy can be built on the property. He added that staff has already started a discussion with grocery stores in the area about having shuttles and possibly a van to accommodate seniors. He added that they are also working on a plan through the public transit system and with the city trolley where they both may be able to create a route to and from McDowell Village.

Commissioner Resnick asked what would be done with the current senior center and Mr. Miluk said that is something the City Council and City Manager will decide. Ms. James added that for the last 12 years Scottsdale Healthcare has been interested in buying the current senior center, which is why the city applied for special bonds in Bond 2000 to build a new senior center. As the city is concerned about having the ability to run that senior center, they are looking at the possibility of selling it.

Vice-chair Bachmann asked if the housing for the residents is ownership or rental based. Mr. Layton said that there have been concessions made with the City Council that it will begin as a full rental community and move to a full sale community down the road.

Vice-chair Bachmann asked who would reap the benefits of the leasing arrangements. Mr. Layton said that the bank makes most of the money; the city is receiving \$3.2 million for the property, as well as \$40,000 in new exercise equipment for the fitness center, from the Red Group.

Chairwoman Fausel asked about the waiting list for the apartments and if the application process is first come first serve. Mr. Layton said that there are currently 100 individuals on the list. He added that those on the list would receive pricing information in the next 30 to 45 days, and all should have an apartment that would like one; they intend to do their best to accommodate everyone.

Vice-chair Bachmann asked how the seniors who do not live at the village would get to the senior center. Mr. Miluk said that they are also looking at the trolley and bus system to transport seniors, hopefully every hour. He added that they are researching other creative ways of transportation, such as using city vans and improving the Dial-A-Ride connection.

2004 HUMAN SERVICES 5-YEAR PLAN UPDATE

Cindy Ensign, Human Services Planner/Budget Specialist, distributed draft copies of the 2004 Human Services 5 Year Plan Update, gave a brief overview and noted specific focus areas for the Human Services Commission's input. This item will be discussed in detail at the March 25 meeting.

Ms. James said that the Human Services 5-year plan is an important document as it is part of the city's general plan and it speaks to how services for residents are handled in the city. She added that it is a great opportunity for commissioners to give their input and influence to the people services for the city.

Vice-chair Bachmann asked if he were to email a suggestion how it would be included in the next meeting. Ms. Ensign said that she would summarize the information from each commission member.

STAFF AND COMMISSION UPDATES

Ms. James reminded the commission of the next meeting to be held on March 25 at the Civic Center Senior Center, where the topics will include a survey of services in school. She said that at the April 8 meeting in the City Hall Kiva, there would be a volunteer recognition. The April 22 meeting has been cancelled and replaced by a special meeting on April 15 at Mesa United Way, where commissioners will meet with Mesa and Tempe Human Services Commissioners and tour two facilities in the area. After the tour, commissioners will reconvene at Mesa United Way.

Ms. James discussed the incident from February 26 and how donations made to the centers stopped for a period. She added that donations could now be accepted, as long as they are given in person and the boxes are opened. If anyone has any questions, they can call Vista del Camino at 312.2323.

Ms. James then introduced Ms. Ensign, who discussed the following updates: **Human Services Administration:** Watch our latest "Helping Hands" show on City Cable 11 every Monday at 1:00 pm and 8:00 pm to learn more about Scottsdale's Family Self-Sufficiency Program, the First Time Homebuyers Program, and the Earned Income Tax Credit; moderated by our very own Mark Bethel. On April 27 and 28, the 4th Annual El Puente Conference is scheduled at the Chaparral Suites Hotel. This conference will share information about issues in the Hispanic community, offering workshops on best practices, cultural communications, health, and leadership. **Civic Center Senior Center:** Tax preparation will continue until the April 15 deadline. Please call the senior center to make an appointment. Spring Class Session begins on March 22 and goes through May 24, 2004. **Community Assistance Office:** As of February 2004, 658 individuals and families are receiving housing assistance from the Section 8 Program, representing an increase of 51 families from last year's February 2003 total of 607. Currently, there are over 500 clients on the wait list, and 40 applicants came off the wait list to go through the eligibility process. As of February 2004, 12 Residential Rehabilitations were completed with 8 rehabs under construction. In addition, 23 Emergency Rehabilitations have been completed assisting Scottsdale residents. There are 19 applicants currently on the Housing Rehabilitation wait list, with an approximate wait of 12 to 18 months. The East Valley Alliance is sponsoring the Family Self Sufficiency Annual Spring Conference all day on Saturday, March 27 at Mesa Community College. The theme is "Optimistic Attitude Creates Positive Change". The Community Assistance Office will sponsor a Fair Housing Workshop in partnership with the City of Tempe and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The Workshop will be held on April 14, 2004 (9am to 12pm) at the Civic Center Library Auditorium. **Paiute Neighborhood Center:** Tony Redhouse started the Native American Art workshop. The kids are making maracas first session and dream catchers second session. Tony will educate the kids about his culture through crafts, music, dance and storytelling. The final performance is April 14. Drop-in Tai-Chi group meets every Monday and Friday from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm. On February 25, the Paiute Neighborhood staff hosted a luncheon to honor all those volunteers who make a difference in others lives. The staff will do the cooking while the volunteers relax. They announced that their "Volunteer of the Year" was Peggy Parks. **Via Linda Senior Center:** The Newcomer's Group is a great opportunity for those people who are new to Scottsdale or new to the Via Linda Senior Center to learn about the city and the services available at the center. Meetings are held once a month and are free. Registration is required - please call 480-312-5810. The 55 Alive Driving Program has been expanded to 3 classes per month, enabling us to serve 100 more drivers. The Mended Hearts support group, for heart patients, will return to Via Linda Senior Center in March. Mended

Hearts is a national organization whose mission is to "inspire hope in heart disease patients and their families." The first meeting was Monday, March 8 at 6:30 pm. Volunteer Appreciation Week, April 19 – 23, will culminate with an Appreciation Luncheon. Please come celebrate the contributions of our volunteers. **Vista del Camino:** The first phase of planning for remodeling the Vista del Camino facility has begun. A Capital Projects manager has been assigned and the Scope of Work Request for Proposals is out. Vista del Camino has been the recipient of many food drives recently including an \$8,000 drive conducted as a team-building exercise for a visiting pharmaceutical conference. On March 4, Vista staff hosted a Bar-B-Que lunch to honor the many volunteers who make Vista's programs possible. **Youth and Family Services:** On February 21, 75 people attended a Ready to Learn workshop presented by Youth Services staff. The workshop was part of a conference for the Arizona Council for Parent Participation in Preschools and staff presented information in the context of Ready to Learn, such as ensuring healthy brain development in young children. On February 28, Joanne Meierdirks presented on Ready to Learn at the Play and Learn Workshop for Parents and Children at Arcadia Library. Funded through the Arizona Community Foundation and Libraries for the Future, this workshop focused on helping libraries reach refugee, immigrant and at-risk families. Staff will be meeting with a Scottsdale Police training officer to develop a training packet for officers dealing with juvenile issues and will work with the City Prosecutor in developing this training component. One of the topics will include training on the laws related to alcohol use and juveniles, and the training packet will be incorporated into all officers training in the future. On March 26, staff will give a Ready to Learn workshop that is open to all city employees. On March 27, Youth and Family Services will have a RTL resource table at the East Valley Alliance Family Self-Sufficiency Spring Conference.

OPEN CALL TO THE PUBLIC (A.R.S. §38-431.02)

Chairperson Fausel called for any items from the floor. There were none.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to be brought before the commission, Chairperson Fausel asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Bitenc moved to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Bachmann seconded. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Beth Hollmann, Recording Secretary.

Meets established criteria.

Connie James
Director, Human Services